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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	long /ē/ vowel digraphs: ea, ee, ie
Words with new phonic element	Bea, bee, clean, deal, dreamed, each, eat, field, flea, keep, leaped, Lee, meet, neat, queen, seat, see, sheep, speak, sweet, three, tree, weeds, week
Reviewed phonic elements	consonant digraphs: final double consonants; inflectional endings: open vowels
Story word	happy
New high-frequency word	near



Bea was a bee.

She lived in a hive that hung from a big tree.

She liked to spend her time buzzing in and out of the hive.

Lee was a flea.
Lee lived in a field of weeds with three sheep.
The field was near the hive where Bea lived.





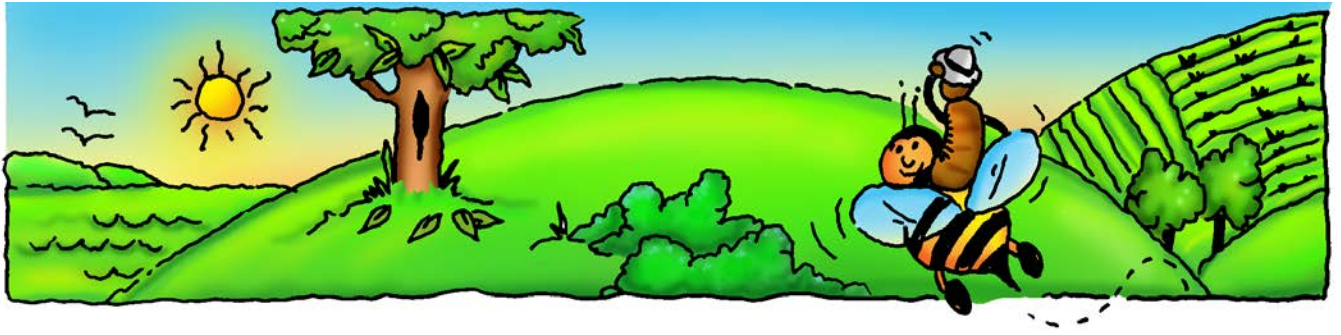
There were lots of roses by that field.
Lee liked to smell the roses.
The smell was so sweet that Lee wanted
to eat them.



Bea buzzed in and out of the roses
each week.
She looked so happy to be a bee.
Lee wished he were a bee.
“I do not want to be a flea,” he told Bea.
“I want to be a bee.”

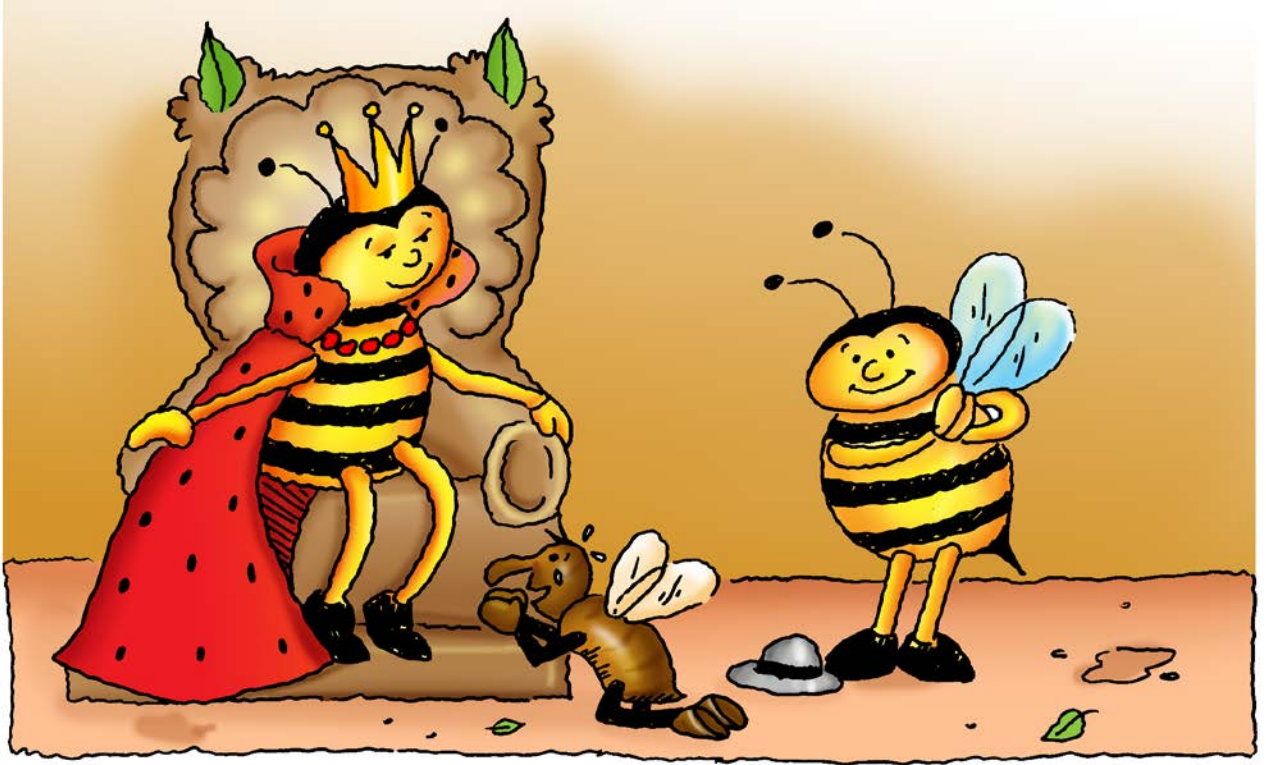
“I will bring you to my hive near the field,”
said Bea.
“You can meet the queen bee.
We can see if she will let you live
in the hive like a bee.”





“I have dreamed of living
like a bee,” said Lee.
Lee leaped on Bea to fly
to the tree.

The queen sat on a big seat in the hive.
“I have come to speak to you,” Bea said
to the queen.
“Can Lee live in the hive with the other bees
and me?”
“He will help us keep the hive clean.”
“Then we have a deal,” said the queen.



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Lee liked keeping the hive clean and neat.
 He liked to buzz in and out of the roses
 with Bea.
 Lee liked his job as a bee.

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